

**LOCAL BREVITIES.**

About gone—1907.

Good old Santa Claus!  
North-bound trains frequently late.

Our streets are mighty dark these nights. Looks like it to-day.

A green Christmas? Lots of murky, gloomy days in this December.

Christmas trade picked up considerably last week.

You can get the best printing at the REGISTER office.

Wood haulers more numerous than they were last fall.

We certainly have had pneumonia weather this month.

Are you going to "swear off" when the New Year comes?

Are we going to have any ice-making weather this winter?

We're a little early this week so the force can have Christmas.

The Christmas season has made lots of business for the Pilot Knob bank.

We are indebted to Congressman Smith for the Congressional Record.

Washington county has a rock crusher, and it is doing much to solve the road problem.

The man who attends strictly to his own business, what an admirable citizen he is!

Pay your state and county taxes before January 1st unless you want to pay interest.

Both freight and passenger business on the railroad is said to be exceedingly dull.

Poplar Bluff papers say the freight division is to be moved from Hoxie back to the Bluff.

We had mud on our streets last week. The first in quite a good, long time.

Bob Durham has resigned the office of postmaster at Piedmont and will go to Colorado.

The Giesling Milling Company of Farmington sends us a very attractive calendar for 1908.

Strayed—A two-year-old Jersey heifer, not marked.

Mrs. W. W. HEYWOOD.

The railroad officials have, as yet, taken no action on the petition asking that No. 10 stop at this station.

To every reader of the REGISTER: A Merry, Merry Christmas, and a Bright, Prosperous and a Happy New Year!

Lots of the foreigners at work in the lead mines in St. Francois county have gone back home since the panic came.

Santa Claus has shipped his usual supply of Candy, Oranges and Nuts to E. H. Fairchild. You are invited to call.

A man can build a house now, we are told, at a cost of one-fourth less than a few months ago. That is tumbling some, isn't it?

Roy Reel, who has had the position of night operator at this station for the past two years, will take the night job at Arcadia.

Turkeys, at ten cents a pound, have been plentiful the past week. Very cheap, in comparison with other things in the eating line.

No one seems to know what the Lemp Brewery proposes doing with the Arcadia Creamery. Probably sell it at first opportunity.

The fire in Mrs. Hughes' residence on Main street burned out Thursday afternoon, causing a little excitement for a few minutes.

The shortest day in the year has passed. More light coming; for which every person who works in a printing office is truly thankful.

We suppose that the county candidate will be backward in coming forward this year as the primary election will not be held until August.

Geo. A. Thomas, the young man who arrived in Ironton from the far west a couple of months ago in search of a wife, is now located at Dexter.

What has happened to the big hotel and lake that were to be built in the Shut In? We haven't heard anything of the project for several months.

The Iron Mountain railroad has dispensed with the services of a number of train auditors recently, and it is rumored that more will go soon.

After several days of miserable, rainy weather, snow began to fall early Monday morning and when day dawned the ground was well covered.

Before adjourning court last Saturday Judge Williams made an order for grand jury to be empaneled at the next April term of circuit court.

Thos. Pearsons, charged with rape, will be tried January 6th. Judge Williams having been disqualified, Judge Killian of Perry county will preside.

Last Sunday's Republic says that George W. Kale, of St. Louis filed a voluntary application in bankruptcy the day before. In the list of unsecured claims is Bank of Ironton, \$1,000.

**GOOD SANTA CLAUS.**

All hail to Kriss Kringle, the kindest saint of them all,  
With always a smile and never a frown  
For good little children, whatever may hap or befall—  
For children in country and city and town!

He dwells in their hearts and they yield him a homage as pure  
As devotee gives to the saint of his shrine,  
No faith more implicit, no trust is more steadfast and sure,  
Than theirs in Old Santa—O, would that 'twere mine!

And well he repays with affection abiding and true  
The love that they give him, the faith that they hold!  
Though never they see him, each Christmas he blesses anew  
His children with presents and pleasures untold.

Then hail to Kriss Kringle, the dearest old saint of them all,  
With ever a smile and never a frown  
For you, little children, whatever may hap or befall—  
Good children in city and country and town! E. D. A.

Carroll Trammel and Chas. Schleuter, had a fight at Pilot Knob Saturday night. Nobody badly hurt.

The servant girl problem in De Soto, always vexatious, has lately become exceedingly more so since the establishment of the big shoe factory in that town.

Barnhouse has the finest line of Christmas Candles in town. Christmas Tree ornaments; also fine boxes of bonbons at Barnhouse's from 25 cents to \$1.00.

We understand that most all the saw mills in the western and southwestern parts of the country will shut down within ten to twenty days. "No orders," they say.—*Reynolds Outlook.*

The railroad company has leased the Crown Hotel at Poplar Bluff to be used as a depot. This probably means that it will be a long while before a new station house will be built there.

Prosecuting Attorney Damron went to Goodwater in the west end of the county Sunday to prosecute Willis Day charged with assault. The case was tried in Squire J. O. Scott's court Monday.

Prof. Wilkinson and family arrived at Arcadia from Upper Alton last week to spend the holidays. We are glad to say that Mrs. Wilkinson is in much better health than she was last summer.

Christmas services in the Catholic Church, Graniteville, 9 o'clock, A. M.; Pilot Knob, 11 o'clock A. M. Mass will be celebrated at both places by Rev. J. F. Adrian. Sermon at both places. All are invited.

People are wondering who the three real estate men are that were willing to swear that the Schmittner property in Pilot Knob was worth \$3550. Don't get impatient. We expect to print the names soon.

Misses Gay and Fairchild had Christmas trees for the little folk in their room in the public schools Friday evening. It was kind and thoughtful of the teachers and greatly enjoyed by the little ones.

From Alabama Jim Brierton mails us a Christmas Card with the following characteristic inscription: "God must surely love the fool, otherwise He would not have made so many of (us) them."

The new time card expected Sunday was not forthcoming. Now it is said the card will be issued the first of the year and a couple of passenger trains taken off the road. But it is, thus far, only rumor.

Pupils of Room No. 2 neither absent nor tardy during first term: Alleda Johnson, Bessie Grissom, Dela Goff, Orpha Davis, Ward Farrar, Marie White, Mary Prince Alta Kindell.

MABELLE REYBURN, Teacher.

It is rumored that the railroad company contemplates "cutting out" the wires in the Ironton station, as was done ten years or more ago, and give us a "cheap" man to sell tickets and look after the freight and express. We hope not.

James Newman and Adrian Steel are applicants for the post-office at Ironton to succeed Mr. Bishop, whose term expires the latter part of January. It is intimated that Mr. Bishop will seek re-appointment.

The panic, it cuts no ice with the tramp printer. He blows into town, just like he always did, hungry and broke. Stays just long to get a few square meals, a quarter in his pocket, and goes on his way rejoicing.

Ironton's mail service grows worse and more abominable. Now the only train on which mail is dispatched from this office is No. 22 at 2:11 P. M., and No. 1, at 5:13 P. M. The service is certainly rank and doesn't compare with what we enjoyed long years ago.

A drummer tells us that while waiting for a train in one of the stations of the lead belt last week he heard a laboring man say: "It is true that when Cleveland was president I worked for ninety cents a day, but I had work. To-day I cannot get a job at any price."

C. M. Heltman, one of the judges of the county court, who lives at Libertyville, left last Saturday without giving his future address, leaving a wife and six children behind him. Where he has gone or whether he intends to return no one knows.—*Farmington Times.*

We have the petition of Dave Ball of Pike County, who aspires to be the next Governor of Missouri, in this office. Mr. Ball is a splendid man, a Democrat among Democrats. All who desire to sign this petition will please call and do so within the next two weeks.

Representative Polk attended a meeting of the young Democrats of the state in St. Louis a couple of weeks ago. Henry says there was plenty of enthusiasm and the general opinion seemed to be that Missouri would give one of the old-fashioned Democratic majorities in 1908.

Mrs. Harry Weber of Graniteville last week received a check from the Modern Woodmen for the insurance on her late husband who died November 15th. The Woodmen certainly are prompt in meeting their death claims. That order has been of untold benefit to this section of the country.

The prairie schooner is somewhat of a rarity these days. Three of the canvas-topped wagons—the first we've seen in a good while—passed through Ironton, north-bound, shortly after noon Saturday. The wagons were well fitted out, but the day was a miserable one and the occupants seemed anything but comfortable.

Dave Worley, constable of Union Township, was tried in the circuit court last week on the charge of assault with intent to kill for cutting James Kitchell at Annapolis last June. The jury found the defendant guilty of common assault and fined him \$20 and costs. A stay of execution was granted for sixty days.

Twenty-six years ago this coming Friday night since the opening ball was given in the Academy of Music. How time flies! What changes have taken place in that quarter of a century! Comparatively few people are here now that participated in that event. It was a "swell" affair, probably one hundred couple joining in the dance.

Circuit court adjourned last Saturday until January 6th. On Wednesday a jury found Carlos Laxton guilty of gambling and fined him \$25 and costs. The case against Ed Shannon, colored, charged with burglarizing Collins' store at Jordan, was continued until the next term. Thursday, Friday and Saturday were devoted to the trial of civil suits.

Poplar Bluff wants a \$100,000 federal building and Congressman Russell has introduced a bill in the House to that effect. Poplar Bluff has as much claim to a federal building as Ironton has, no more, no less. But then the State had to build Butler county jail, and we suppose the people down there think it is more blessed to ask than it is to give.

Several persons from Ironton and vicinity were in St. Louis last Thursday as witnesses in the case of the Iowa & Missouri Land Co. against L. A. McKee. This is a suit growing out of McKee's management of the goat ranch, south of Ironton, the plaintiff making several serious charges against him. The hearing was continued until December 27th, when other witnesses will testify.

Pupils of Room 2 neither absent nor tardy during month of December: Walter Fisher, Alleda Johnson, Alta Kindell, Alma Kendal, Velah Pippin, Mary Prince, Ethel Stoner, Ethel Twomey, Marie White, Ward Farrar, Albert Schultz, George Loyd, Pearl Conway, Orpha Davis, Dela Goff, Betty Grissom, Lucille Farrar, Laura Pitzinger, Mary Walker.

MABELLE REYBURN, Teacher.

For forty years the REGISTER has pursued the even tenor of its way. Two score years is quite a part of life's journey. Ups and downs, lots of them, in that time. Some bitter contests, some victories, some defeats. We are proud of the fact, however, that in all that long time the swindler and grafter has ever been, as he is today, "dead agin" the REGISTER. We expect to keep him there until the end of the chapter.

Hon. N. A. Mozley, the able attorney and splendid good fellow from Stoddard county, was here in attendance on circuit court last week. Mr. Mozley will seek the Republican nomination for Judge of the St. Louis Court of Appeals next year, and if the job is going to a Republican he certainly is our choice. But to be candid, it is our opinion that the Republicans are going to find mighty "slim picking" in Missouri next year.

The children in the Ironton schools last week petitioned the board to give them two weeks' vacation during the holidays instead of one—not start them to school again before New Year's. But the board turned down the petition of the little folk and adhered to the former decision of starting school December 30th. There ought to be some young men on that board, some who are not so old but that they can remember when they were boys.

While in St. Louis a few days ago we were informed that the Laclede Land and Improvement Company had about perfected arrangements for the location of a colony of Greeks along the Missouri Southern R. R. in the vicinity of Corridor and Reynolds. They will of course occupy the cut off land which the company is holding for colonization purposes at \$10 to \$15 per acre. We do not know what kind of citizens these foreigners make as tillers of the soil, but we do know they will greatly improve the land they settle on.—*Reynolds Outlook.*

The railroads, it is said, will contest the two cent fare law in February. They claim they are now operating their passenger trains at a loss, and have been for several months past, and hope to have the law set aside. Well, we never were pronounced in our advocacy of the law and are not prepared to say now that it is altogether just. But we do object, and most seriously object, to having a law, passed by the people of Missouri, set aside and held for naught by a federal judge, who has nothing in common with the masses and feels that he is far, far above and beyond them.

The trouble between Judge Williams and lawyer Raney, wherein disbarment proceedings were inaugurated, of which we made mention last week, was happily adjudicated during the session of the court Wednesday afternoon of last week and all is peaceful and serene again. The court announced that the fine of \$20 against Mr. Raney, which had been assessed Monday for contempt was excessive, and would be reduced to \$10; this introduced the subject, and the court, after hearing what the other attorneys had to say, became convinced that Mr. Raney had been misunderstood and remitted the entire fine, and terminated the disbarment proceedings.

"Rube" Oglesby and John A. Knott, state railroad and warehouse commissioners, were in Graniteville last week to inspect the track, roadbed and more particularly the bridge of the W. G. & St. L. They found the existing condition of the track and roadbed to be very satisfactory, but they appointed W. L. Mathews to make more thorough inspection of the bridge than time permitted them to make. Mr. Mathews has completed his report and it has been sent to the commission, and while the public cannot have access to it before the commissioners have passed upon it, it is understood that the bridge was found to be in perfectly safe condition, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.—*Greenville Journal.*

Along in October Miss Nannie Brown, the popular primary teacher in the Pilot Knob schools, had the misfortune one Sunday evening, while on her way to Fort Hill church, to lose her watch. She had the watch when she left her boarding house, Mr. Thompson's in east Ironton, and she discovered it was gone while passing the courthouse. That night and next day the ground was gone over most carefully but no trace was found of the missing time piece, nor has there been to this day, although Miss Brown has advertised a liberal reward for its return. It is almost certain that the watch has been found, but the finder evidently is going to keep it. It was a valuable watch, a present and most highly prized by its owner.

In the death of Mrs. Elvira Buckner, which occurred at her home, near Annapolis, this county, on December 9th, there passed away another of the pioneers of this section of Missouri. Coming sixty years ago, as a girl fourteen years of age, to what is now part of Iron county, what wondrous changes she saw. There were few settlements in this part of the state and not a railroad this side of St. Louis. Ironton was unthought of and Iron county was not organized until ten years afterward. There are few people now in Iron county who have been living here as long as Mrs. Buckner. She was a good woman and leaves many friends to mourn. To the children we extend our condolence. After a long and useful life, may she rest in peace!

The panic—for that's all it is, nothing more, nothing less—is making itself felt everywhere. But it is not in a community like ours that the results are so disastrous. In a section, like the lead belt in St. Francois county, where there are thousands of wage earners, are the effects of the panic most keenly felt. Over there, they tell us, a crisis is fast approaching. Hundreds, if not thousands, of men are out of work, and those who are at work are on half-time and reduced pay. As a rule they are a class of people who live from "hand to mouth," taking no thought for the "rainy day." The single men, who are free and have no dependent on them, are seeking other fields, but the man with a family, no money, no work, no credit—it is, indeed, a serious proposition that confronts him. Already, they tell us, there are hundreds suffering for the want of the necessities of life, and the winter promises untold misery.

At the store of B. N. Brown it is considered a pleasure to show goods. You need not feel that you must buy because you look.

Public Speaker Interrupted.

Public Speakers are frequently interrupted by people coughing. This would not happen if Foley's Honey and Tar were taken, as it cures coughs and colds and prevents pneumonia and consumption. The genuine contains no opiates and is in a yellow package. Sold by all druggists.

Attractive clothing for men and boys at very attractive prices at Lopez's.

**PERSONAL.**

A. Lopez has been here the past week.

Franco Bond is home from St. Joseph.

Emil Roehry is home from Columbia.

Warren Prince is home from Upper Alton.

Miss Nannie Brown is spending the holidays in St. Louis.

Dr. Marshall and Miss Irene went to St. Louis Monday.

H. B. Ake will be here from Shreveport, La., this week.

Dr. Wick and family are here from St. Louis for the holidays.

Miss Blanche Fletcher is home from Arkansas for the holidays.

Miss Lela O'Neal is spending the week with home folk at Frank-ley.

Miss Ruby Rebyrn is home from school at Mexico, Mo., for the holidays.

S. W. Andrews is home from a visit to his cotton plantation in Dunklin county.

Mrs. Dr. Gay and sons returned home Thursday from a week's absence in St. Louis.

Now, Warren of Bellevue has returned home from a visit to his son Al in California.

Miss Lottie Prince is home from St. Louis, where she completed a course in a business college.

L. A. McKee and wife, P. W. Whitworth, Chas. K. Polk, Chas. Madlinger, E. L. Barnhouse, Aug. Schwab were in St. Louis last Thursday as witnesses in the Mullin-McKee suit.

Go to Barnhouse's and buy your boy a wagon, or air gun, and your little girl a doll and set of dishes.

From Prof. Patterson.

Editor Register—In view of the fact that so many questions have been asked me concerning the recent suit between Mrs. Patterson and Rose McDowell, I ask for space in your paper for the following statement: All parties concerned got together, and after talking the matter over in a friendly and business-like manner, found that there was not any just grounds for the complaint, as all of the prosecuting witnesses denied emphatically that they ever, at any time or place, heard Mrs. Patterson utter the alleged slanderous remarks about Mrs. McDowell, as were sworn to in the information filed.

It appears to me that some designing persons have agitated a question simply to cause trouble between the two parties in question. Now that the white-winged dove of peace has spread her downy wings over the turbulent scene, let us hope that further gossip may cease to be uttered and believed.

Respectfully,  
J. T. PATTERSON.  
Bellevue, Mo., Dec. 21, 1907.

Extraordinary low Holiday prices on Children's, Misses, and Ladies' Skirts, Hats and Cloaks at Brown's.

Nellie Collins-Freeman.

Mrs. Nellie Collins-Freeman was born in Iron county Mo., December 17, 1881; died November 29, 1907. She was married to Jules A. Freeman October 20, 1901, at Coldwater, Mo. To this union one child was born, Charles Collins Freeman. She leaves a husband, child, father, mother, three sisters and three brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She had suffered with tuberculosis for more than a year, and while her death had been expected for some time, the end came suddenly, while sitting up in bed to eat her breakfast. She had a hemorrhage that ended in death almost instantly.

The day before she died she sat at the dining room table and ate Thanksgiving dinner and returned thanks. She thanked the Lord that our lives had been spared to eat another more Thanksgiving dinner together. While she did not talk of dying to the family we knew that she was prepared for her read her Bible and prayed continually and said she put all her trust in the Lord. She bore all sufferings so patiently and did everything to get well, as she was so anxious to raise her boy. She was a devoted wife and mother. She professed religion and joined the Methodist church at Coldwater when she was 16 years old and after she was married and moved to St. Louis she put her letter in Mt. Auburn church, St. Louis, of which she was still a member. Everything that could be done for her life was done, but when the Lord of All called her she had to leave us.

Her relatives were all present at the funeral, which was held at the Methodist church; funeral services by Rev. Kennedy, pastor; interment in Masonic cemetery.

A SISTER.

—Piedmont Banner.

Buy your Christmas Candles and Nuts at Lopez's. Special prices in quantities to schools and churches.

Obituary.

Died: Near Annapolis, Iron county, Missouri, December 9th, 1907, Mrs. Elvira Buckner, aged 74 years and two days. The deceased was born in Blount county, Tennessee, December 7th, 1832, and at the age of 14 moved with her parents to what is now Iron county, where she resided until her death. She was married to Wm. Buckner, February 17, 1853. To this union were born ten children, five of whom survive her, the other five having long since preceded her. She has been a widow since September 14, 1877. Five children, twenty grand children and a host of other friends and relatives mourn her demise. She was in usual health until morning of December 8th, when she suffered a

stroke of paralysis, and after which she never regained consciousness. All that kind friends and relatives could do availed nothing. The Lord called her and we had to give her up. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wm. Sutton, and the interment occurred at the Sutton cemetery, where, surrounded by weeping relatives and friends, she was laid to rest.

She was a devoted wife and mother. Dear mother, thou art sadly missed by thy mourning children, who are weeping round the vacant place which thy death has made in our homes. Sad, though, we are, dear mother, that we shall never see you again on earth, yet we know you are happy with Jesus. We know that the loving and faithful God, who planted in thy soul a desire for, and a hope of future bliss, will give thee a fulfillment of that desire and a realization of that hope; and, if we are faithful here, we will meet thee where parting is no more!

Call not back the dear departed, Anchored safe where storms are o'er. On the border land we left them, Soon to meet and part no more. When we leave this world of changes, When we leave this world of care, We shall find our missing loved one, In our Father's mansion fair.

HER CHILDREN.

Special bargains in millinery at Lopez's.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Aids Nature.

Medicines that aid nature are most successful. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It allays the cough, aids expectoration, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, thereby aiding nature in throwing off a cold and restoring the system to a healthy condition. For sale by the Arcadia Valley Drug Co.

Special prices on Skirts, Cloaks and hats at B. N. Brown's.

Fancy Navel Oranges, 35 cents per dozen, at Lopez's.

Robt Hotson is prepared to furnish you with fine home-grown celery and grated horse radish.

Do not forget to see our underwear, quality fine; prices right. B. N. BROWN.

FOR SALE—My residence in Midlebrook. Price, \$550. A bargain. T. T. SEITZ.

Christmas bargains in clothing B. N. Brown's.

See C. C. Dinger for guttering, roofing, tinware and graniteware repairing, opposite Lopez store.

See the Christmas bargains at B. N. Brown's.

**Sweeping Reductions in Millinery!**

OUR ENTIRE STOCK of Pattern and Finest Trimmed Hats are reduced practically ONE-HALF in price. Not a single hat reserved. Never before, so early in the season, has Fine Millinery been so ruthlessly slaughtered. Call early and get First Choice, if you are interested in Genuine Bargains. LOPEZ STORE CO.

Passed Examination Successfully.

James Donahue, New Britain, Conn., writes: "I tried several kidney remedies, and was treated by our best physicians for diabetes but did not improve until I took Foley's Kidney Cure. After the second bottle I showed improvement, and five bottles cured me completely. I have since passed a rigid examination for life insurance." Foley's Kidney Cure cures back-ache and all forms of kidney and bladder trouble. Sold by all Druggists.

Young man, before buying a Christmas present for your sweetheart call and see the fine bonbons and Christmas notions at Barnhouse's.

Splendid values in ladies' and misses' sample shoes at one-third less than regular price at Lopez Store Co.

**Eczema and Pimples**

are quickly and permanently cured by ZEMO, a clean liquid for external use. ZEMO draws the germs to the surface of the skin and destroys them, leaving a nice clear healthy skin. Write E. W. Rose Med. Co., St. Louis, Mo., for sample. All Druggists sell ZEMO. Arcadia Valley Drug Co.

You will find currants, raisins, nuts and all kinds of fancy groceries at Barnhouse's.

Warranty deeds, deeds of trust, chattel mortgages and quit claim deeds for sale at this office.

Highest market price paid for hickory flour barrel hoops at Lopez's.

**Eczema is Now Curable**

ZEMO, a scientific preparation for external use. Stops itching instantly and destroys the germs that cause skin diseases. Eczema quickly yields and is permanently cured by this remarkable medicine. All Druggists. Write for sample. E. W. Rose Med. Co., St. Louis, Mo. Arcadia Valley Drug Co.

A great offering in cloaks at B. N. Brown's.

Barnhouse has fresh eggs—all you want.

An abundance of fresh eggs for the holidays at Barnhouse's.

**A Cough Medicine**

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is a regular cough medicine, a strong medicine, a doctor's medicine. Good for easy coughs, hard coughs, desperate coughs. If your doctor endorses it for your case, take it. If not, don't take it. Never go contrary to his advice.

We publish our formulae for the benefit of those who wish to cure their coughs. We urge you to consult your doctor.

The dose of Ayer's Pills is small, and one at bedtime. As a rule, laxative doses are better than cathartic doses. For constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, they cannot be excelled. Ask your doctor about this.

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